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Russian President Vladimir Putin insisted his country was not involved in an effort to influence the U.S. presidential election. Last week, the U.S. government formally accused Russia of launching a hacking campaign to "interfere with the U.S. election process." Clinton's campaign, which has charged the Kremlin is trying to help Republican Donald Trump win the White House on Nov. 8, took its allegations a step further on Tuesday when John Podesta, chairman of the Democratic nominee's campaign, accused the Trump campaign of colluding with Russia. REUTERS

JUDGE GIVES FLORIDA VOTERS MORE TIME TO REGISTER AFTER STORM

2 Residents of Florida were given six extra days to register to vote in the Nov. 8 election by a U.S. judge on Wednesday following the disruption caused by powerful Hurricane Matthew in the state last week. U.S. District Judge Mark Walker in Tallahassee extended the registration deadline to Oct. 18, after the Florida Democratic Party filed a lawsuit seeking more time, court records showed. The original deadline to register had been Tuesday, before Walker ordered a one-day reprieve to allow for a hearing on the matter on Wednesday. Florida Democrats had argued that voters were forced to decide between their safety and their right to vote when Republican Gov. Rick Scott ordered mandatory evacuations along a stretch of the state's Atlantic coast as Matthew approached. REUTERS

SONY ENTERS VIRTUAL REALITY WITH PLAYSTATION VR

3 Sony Corp. will join the race for virtual reality (VR) dominance on Thursday with the $399 PlayStation VR, a headset the Japanese electronics group hopes will beat pricier rivals and revive its reputation as a maker of must-have gadgets. Emerging from years of restructuring, Sony is reshaping itself to focus on lucrative areas such as video games, entertainment and camera sensors — rather than televisions or smartphones where demand is flat, competition acute and margins thin. The games unit is now the single-largest profit contributor for the group. The PlayStation VR headset, Sony's first major product launch since it declared its turnaround complete in June, will put the company back on the offensive and test its ability to compete in one of the most talked-about spaces in the industry. REUTERS

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1. What is City Hall proposing to do about the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products?

2. How many goals did Shayne Gostisbehere have last season?

3. Parker Posey stars in Netflix's new Christopher Guest film "Mascots" as what type of creature?

City searches for concrete answers to Philly's potholes

Winter is coming.

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A car passes a deep pothole on 13th Street in Center City. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

If you had to assign the Streets Department response to potholes an A-through-F grade, how would it score?

"D," said one South Philadelphia woman. "It feels like the street is caving in."

Her friend, who lives at 18th and Dickinson, agreed with the score: "Down in South Philly, there are potholes everywhere."

"Girl, if it doesn't get fixed by winter, we're in trouble," her friend replied.

In a City Council hearing Wednesday, the department gave itself an A-minus.

Since January, the Streets Department has filled more than 27,000 potholes, and is bracing for the winter season. But the division is dogged by its reputation.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the department's last several years of hole-filling, the Committee on Streets and Services convened yesterday to tackle the city's perennial pothole problem, and is considering a new measure to fix it.

Councilman David Oh has proposed a spray-injection unit, and it takes just one person and three minutes to fix a pothole. While the city's current method could theoretically take only two minutes for a small hole, each project requires significant manpower.

Enter Bucks County-based Patch Management, whose PK2000 (that's short for "Pothole Killer") gets the job done safer and more efficiently, and at a fraction of the cost. The technology has already been introduced in Washington, where the city was able to save more than $500,000 and repair more potholes than with traditional methods.

Philadelphia previously contracted Patch from 2006 to 2012, but, according to officials in the company who testified before the council committee, the company lost the contract three years ago to a lower bidder who met requirements that were added that year.

Perhaps Patch's biggest selling point to a city like Philly is its timely turnover and GIS tracking capabilities. Representatives from the company said their ability to fill more holes and dedicate more manpower to doing so would help the Streets Department keep good on its three-day response. Plus, each truck is outfitted with GPS-style systems that tag each repair by location; council members can then share that information with their constituents.

A big bonus here is accountability.

Last year, NBC10 uncovered corrupted record-keeping at the department. Reviewing reports, the news station found nearly 300 potholes across the city that had been listed as "closed" in one day, many in the same minute. Acting Streets Commissioner Michael Carroll said at the time, "They're clearly not [accurate]. We didn't do that volume of potholes all over the city in one day."

Oh cited that investigation when questioning Chief Highway Engineer Steve Lorenz, who explained the public often misidentifies cave-ins and ditches for potholes, which leads to a slow response time from the department.

A handy guide on the Streets Department's website explains: Potholes are "bowl-shaped openings up to 10 inches deep. They occur when the top layer of the road has worn away, exposing the concrete base."

Oh then asked, "If you were to grade the condition of Philadelphia's roads compared to other cities and towns, and our ability to respond to repairing these potholes and deficiencies, would you give us an A, B, C, D, E or F?"

"It's difficult to answer your question," Lorenz said, explaining that PennDOT, SEPTA and Streets all share responsibility for maintenance and repair for city roads.

"Sometimes the people who drive don't understand all the nuance, between state highway or city street," Councilman Al Taubenberger said. "They just know there's a damn hole there and they want it fixed."

SEPTA cop placed on leave after second arrest

Two SEPTA trains waiting in a Philadelphia station. GETTY IMAGES

A SEPTA Transit Police Department officer has been placed on administrative leave after his second arrest in as many months, the transportation authority said Tuesday.

Steven Miele, 30, was already on administrative duty stemming from a Sept. 5 arrest. He was arrested again on Monday and charged with burglary and theft following a domestic dispute, police said.

Transit Police Chief Thomas J. Nestel III said both incidents occurred while Miele was off-duty and in Mount Ephraim, New Jersey.

Miele was charged with simple assault in the Sept. 5 incident. Details weren't available.

Nestel said the Mount Ephraim police are investigating both incidents, and SEPTA doesn't have any additional information that can be released. The chief praised the SEPTA Transit Police Department for its "immediate and appropriate" response to Miele's charges, first in placing him on administrative duty, then on leave.

The transit authority's Police Board of Inquiry will determine the appropriate discipline for Miele, Nestel said.

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BRIEFS

Philly rated top city for Halloween candy-cravers, real estate firm says

Carve the pumpkin and don the Trump mask! Philadelphia is the top city in the nation for trick-or-treating, declared a real estate database company.

Each year, the Zillow Group crunches the numbers to determine which cities are best for sweet-toothed children and adults on Halloween.

Philadelphia captured the top honor this year, according to Zillow Porchlight, a website operated by the company.

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The company looks at home values, crime rates and the child population of cities to determine which is best for the annual candython.

The company's algorithm computes where kids can safely reap the most candy in the least amount of time.

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City Hall proposes regs designed to reduce teen smoking

The new regulations would make it tougher for retailers to start selling tobacco products.

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Retailers inclined to start selling cigarettes and tobacco products will face tougher city regulations under proposals being considered by City Hall.

The city will boost the permit fee for the sale of tobacco products to $300, under the proposal. Currently, the fee is $50.

The fee change would take effect no earlier than Nov. 2 and retailers who apply before then can pay the $50 fee for 2017.

The city will also limit the number of permits it issues based on neighborhood population and place a restriction on retailers operating within 500 feet of a school, according to the Public Health Commissioner's Office. The restriction won't apply to retailers who have permits issued before Jan. 1, 2017.

Mayor Jim Kenney told CBS Philly that the proposed regulations are aimed at reducing the tobacco temptation for teenagers.

"Every store that sells cigarettes is a site for point-of-sale marketing to kids," Kenney said. "The stores promote tobacco with things like big pack displays by the cash registers, posters, flavored blueberry tobacco products like blueberry flavored cigars, special discounts and buy-one-get-one-free offers. These marketing techniques work, which is why tobacco companies spend so much on them."

The city also plans to standardize the penalty for selling tobacco products to minors. Retailers who violate the ban on sales to minors three times within two years will face a yearlong suspension of its permit, according to the proposal.

The plan comes on the heels of an increased cigarette tax that went into effect across Pennsylvania and added to the hefty price of a pack of cigarettes in Philadelphia, where the city places an additional $2 tax on each pack, NBC 10 reported.

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US officials: Navy destroyer again targeted by missiles from Yemen

The incidents, along with an Oct. 1 strike on a vessel from the United Arab Emirates, add to questions about safety of passage for military ships around the Bab al-Mandab Strait, one of the world's busiest shipping routes.

A U.S. Navy destroyer was targeted on Wednesday in a failed missile attack from territory in Yemen controlled by Iran-aligned Houthi rebels, the second such incident in the past four days, U.S. officials told Reuters.

The USS Mason, which was accompanied by the USS Ponce — an amphibious transport dock — fired defensive salvos in response to the missiles, neither of which hit the ship or caused any damage as it operated north of the Bab al-Mandab Strait, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The renewed attempt to target the U.S. Navy destroyer will add pressure on the U.S. military to retaliate, a move that would represent the first direct U.S. military action against Houthis in Yemen's conflict. The Pentagon hinted about possible retaliatory strikes on Tuesday.

The Houthis, who are battling the internationally-recognized government of Yemen President Abd Rabbu Mansour al-Hadi, denied any involvement in the previous attempt to strike the USS Mason or the nearby USS Ponce on Sunday.

The guided-missile destroyer USS Mason GETTY IMAGES

But U.S. officials have told Reuters there is growing indications that Houthi rebels, despite those denials, were responsible for Sunday's incident.

The rebels appeared to use small skiffs as spotters to help direct the missile attack on the warship. The United States is also investigating the possibility that a radar station under Houthi control in Yemen might have also "painted" the USS Mason, something that would have helped the Houthi fighters pass along coordinates for a strike, the officials have said.

The Houthis, who are allied to Hadi's predecessor Ali Abdullah Saleh, have the support of many army units and control most of the north including the capital Sanaa.

Reuters has learned that the coastal defense cruise missiles used against the USS Mason on Sunday had considerable range, adding to concerns about the kind of heavy weaponry that the Houthis appear willing to employ and some of which U.S. officials believe is supplied by Iran. REUTERS

BRIEF

Drownings push hurricane death toll to 19 in flooded NC

Officials in North Carolina said they would go door to door urging people to leave low-lying areas as rivers swollen by rainfall from Hurricane Matthew continue to rise, threatening homes and resulting in more drownings.

Floodwaters have swamped areas across the central and eastern part of the state, forcing more than 3,800 residents to flee to shelters, closing down stretches of major interstate highways and shuttering 34 school systems, North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory said.

McCrory said the death toll in the state had risen to 19, mostly due to drowning. That figure represents more than half of the deaths in the U.S. Southeast linked to the fierce Atlantic storm, which killed some 1,000 people in Haiti and displaced hundreds of thousands more as it tore through the Caribbean last week.

"Do not get near the water," McCrory said at a news conference in Raleigh. "It will kill you."

Matthew's aftermath drew comparisons to Hurricane Floyd, which triggered devastating floods in North Carolina in 1999 and caused more than $3 billion in damages in the state. REUTERS

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Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf quits, replaced by Tim Sloan

The changes come weeks after pressure on the bank when it emerged that its employees had potentially opened two million unauthorized deposit and credit card accounts to meet sales targets. Wells Fargo agreed to a $185 million settlement with regulators.

Wells Fargo & Co's veteran chairman and chief executive officer, John Stumpf, is leaving the bank in the wake of a sales scandal and will be replaced as CEO by President and Chief Operating Officer Tim Sloan.

The San Francisco-based bank said on Wednesday that Stumpf was retiring with immediate effect. It is splitting the role of chairman and CEO with Stephen Sanger, its lead director, becoming chairman. Elizabeth Duke, an independent director, will be vice chair.

The scandal marked a stunning reversal of fortune for Stumpf, who had built Wells Fargo into the world's most valuable bank with a focus on Main Street-style lending that was the envy of Wall Street.

Politicians were calling on him to resign and a week after a roasting in front of a Senate committee, Stumpf agreed to forgo $41 million in unvested stock awards.

However, that was not enough and at a second hearing, some lawmakers called for the bank to be broken up.

"I have decided it is best for the company that I step aside," Stumpf said in a statement.

John Stumpf GETTY IMAGES

The bank's shares rose 2 percent in after-hours trading.

On Monday, the bank had reshuffled its top management to give more responsibility to Sloan.

Wells Fargo is due to report third-quarter earnings on Friday. REUTERS

BRIEF

Fed policymakers closer to rate hike, but inflation doubts remain

Several voting Federal Reserve policymakers judged a rate hike would be warranted "relatively soon" if the U.S. economy continued to strengthen but doubts on inflation remained, according to the minutes of the Fed's September policy meeting released.

The minutes of the Sept. 20-21 meeting, at which the U.S. central bank held rates steady, also showed the depth of division over timing.

"Several members judged that it would be appropriate to increase the target range for the federal funds rate relatively soon if economic developments unfolded about as ... expected," the Fed said in the minutes.

Seventeen policymakers participated at the September meeting, of whom 10 had a vote. In the minutes, both voting members and the wider group were divided on how much more they can allow the labor market to strengthen before raising rates.

Some believe that with the United States already near full employment, inflation could rise too quickly if the Fed waits too long.

The minutes said "it was noted that a reasonable argument could be made either for an increase at this meeting or for waiting for some additional information on the labor market and inflation."

Stocks rose slightly following the release of the minutes, while yields on U.S. government debt pared earlier gains.

"They just want a bit more data to be sure. We think they will have those data by the time of the December meeting," said Ian Shepherdson, an economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

Three voting members of the rate-setting committee dissented in the September policy statement in favor of an immediate hike, the first time since 2011 that so many have taken such action in the same direction at a single meeting.

In that statement, the Fed incorporated new phrasing saying it would maintain current interest rate levels for "the time being," widely seen as a hawkish signal.

According to the minutes, however, a few voters were concerned the inclusion of the phrase "might be misread as indicating that the passage of time rather than the accumulation of evidence" would drive future decision making. REUTERS

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Job openings hit eight-month low, labor market still strong

U.S. job openings fell to an eight-month low in August and hiring was little changed, suggesting some easing in labor market conditions amid an aging economic recovery.

Still, details of the Labor Department's monthly Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) report published on Wednesday continued to point to a solid jobs market, with a steady rise in the number of people voluntarily quitting their jobs and declining layoffs.

Job openings, a measure of labor demand, declined 388,000 to a seasonally adjusted 5.4 million, the lowest level since December, after surging to a record high in July. That pushed down the jobs openings rate three-tenths of a percentage point to 3.6 percent, also the lowest reading since December.

"These data can be volatile and the openings rate is still fairly high, so it is too early to tell whether this is a signal or just the noise of volatile monthly data," said John Ryding, chief economist at RDQ Economics in New York.

Job seekers arrive at a job fair.
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"However, if this drop is sustained, it could be a sign of increased caution on the part of businesses."

The JOLTS report is one of the job market metrics on Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen's so-called dashboard. Fed officials view the labor market as being at or near full employment.

The U.S. central bank is widely expected to increase interest rates in December, having kept borrowing costs steady over the course of the year because of persistently low inflation.

The decline in job openings in August was led by professional and business services, where vacancies fell 223,000. Job openings in the durable goods manufacturing industries decreased 29,000, and dropped 28,000 in the arts, entertainment and recreation sector.

"The bigger concern in the data is that openings declined year-over-year in some high-wage industries, like finance, professional services, and information," said Jed Kolko, chief economist for job site Indeed in San Francisco. REUTERS

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Officials believe Connecticut plane crash was intentional

The plane slammed into a utility pole and burst into flames on Tuesday, killing a flight student aboard and leaving an instructor with serious burns.

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The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board said on Wednesday it believes a small plane crash in East Hartford, Connecticut, was due to an intentional act and is transferring the investigation to the FBI.

The plane slammed into a utility pole and burst into flames on Tuesday, killing a flight student aboard and leaving an instructor with serious burns.

In a press release, the NTSB said its initial investigation indicated that the crash was "the result of an intentional act."

A U.S. national security official identified the student as Feras Freitekh. Federal Aviation Administration records showed he lived in Orland Hills, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and earned a private pilot certificate last year.

The security official, who requested anonymity to discuss the ongoing investigation, said law enforcement would look into whether Freitekh had ties to terrorism. The official said Freitekh was not known to U.S. intelligence.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx declined to say if the crash was an act of terrorism. The FBI "is going to dig into the facts," he told reporters on Wednesday.

The instructor and Freitekh were the only people aboard the plane when it crashed at about 3:30 p.m. EDT (1930 GMT) on Tuesday during flight training that originated at the Hartford-Brainard Airport, local police said.

The instructor, who has not been identified, is being treated at the Bridgeport Hospital's burn center, according to East Hartford Mayor Marcia Leclerc.

The New York Times, citing unnamed federal officials, reported that the instructor had told investigators that Freitekh deliberately crashed the plane.

East Hartford Police Lieutenant Joshua Litwin said at a news conference on Wednesday that the plane had two sets of controls, but that he did not know which person was flying the plane at the time of the crash. REUTERS

Rights groups: More arrests for pot than violent crimes

U.S. police make over 1.25 million arrests a year for drug possession, more than twice the number for violent crimes, and about half of the arrests are for marijuana, two human rights groups said on Wednesday in a call for sweeping drug decriminalization.

Marijuana GETTY IMAGES

The 196-page report by the American Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights Watch said the "war on drugs" was a failure, with rates of drug use unchanged since President Richard Nixon launched the campaign more than 40 years ago.

States and the federal government should decriminalize the use and possession of drugs for personal use and focus instead on prevention and reducing harm, the report said.

"These wide-scale arrests have destroyed countless lives while doing nothing to help people who struggle with dependence," Tess Borden, the report's author, said in a statement.

The report said nearly half of all drug possession arrests in 2015, or more than 574,000, were for marijuana, based on Federal Bureau of Investigation figures.

In the same year, there were 506,000 arrests for violent crimes such as murder, rape and aggravated assault, FBI data showed. Four times as many people are arrested for possessing drugs than distributing them, the report said. REUTERS

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Justice Department finds racial bias in San Francisco policing

The U.S. Department of Justice on Wednesday released a report outlining deficiencies it found in the embattled San Francisco Police Department, including apparent racial bias in traffic stops, searches and killings.

The critical 60-page report comes amid an intense debate in the United States over police violence and a resurgence of the civil rights movement, spearheaded by activist group Black Lives Matter, fueled by police killings of unarmed African-Americans across the country over the past two years or so.

The report is the first assessment in the Justice Department's so-called collaborative review of the department, which launched in February in response to fatal police shootings in the city that sparked angry demonstrations.

San Francisco Police GETTY IMAGES

The report made 272 recommendations for the department to address issues from institutionalized and implicit racial bias against African-Americans and other minority groups to updated use of force and data collection policies.

"This report makes clear the significant challenges that lie ahead for the police department and the city," Ronald Davis, director of the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, said in a statement.

The findings echo a report released by a panel of judges in July that found black and Hispanic people were more likely to be searched without their consent by officers than whites and Asians.

The San Francisco Police Department in a statement highlighted areas where the review did not find deficiencies, saying, for instance, the assessment found the department's use of force "proportionate." But the department did say it agreed with several of the findings of bias.

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Amazon challenges Apple and Spotify with new music streaming service

Amazon.com Inc. on Wednesday launched a full-fledged music streaming service with subscriptions as low as $3.99 per month for owners of its Amazon Echo speaker, accelerating the industry trend toward more flexible pricing after years of sticking to $9.99 subscriptions.

The new streaming service, called "Amazon Music Unlimited," lets users access a vast catalog of songs on demand, similar to Spotify and Apple Music. Subscriptions to play music on the Echo cost $3.99 per month; for access beyond that device, subscriptions cost $7.99 a month for members of Amazon's Prime shipping and video service and $9.99 for non-members. Amazon will continue to offer Prime members a limited streaming service for free.

As it plunges deeper into the crowded streaming field, Amazon is counting on the Echo, a smart speaker that responds to voice commands, to set it apart. Released broadly last year, the Echo has become a surprise hit, prompting many to predict that voice will become a key way users interact with technology — and music is central to the device's appeal.

Amazon has built an elaborate system of voice controls for listening on the Echo. The company believes such smart home devices will be a key source of growth for the music industry, said Steve Boom, vice president of Amazon Music.

"The first phase of growth (in music streaming) was driven almost entirely by smartphones," he said in an interview. "We believe pretty strongly that the next phase of growth in streaming is going to come from the home."

Reuters reported details of Amazon's streaming plans in June.

The low price for Amazon's streaming service is consistent with the company's reputation for undercutting the competition and signals the music industry is beginning to accommodate consumers who are unwilling to pay $9.99 per month. Having watched revenues plummet from the CD era, label executives have been reluctant to budge on price, but they have come under pressure as streaming accounts for more of the pie.

Boom said he is optimistic that the new prices will expand the market.

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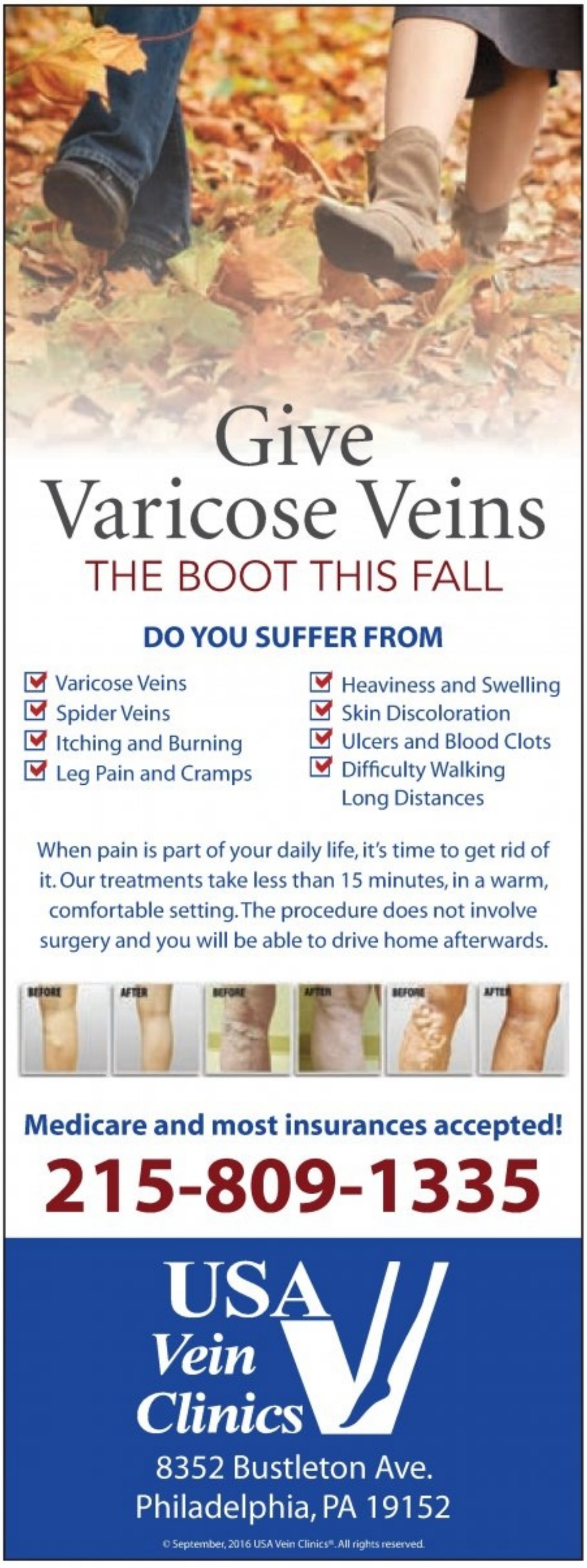
"We're moving music away from a one-size-fits-all approach," Boom said. "We are the ones who have been pushing this the hardest."

Streaming services must pay a majority of their revenues to rights holders, a business model that has left Pandora and Spotify struggling to turn a profit. But Amazon can afford to take a loss on music streaming, and the boost to Prime is well worth it, analysts say.

The premium music service, following the release of a standalone video service, suggests Amazon will increasingly offer basic media options through Prime while selling additional subscriptions for consumers who want to go deeper, said analyst Jan Dawson of Jackdaw Research.

"It's just making Prime that much stickier," he said. REUTERS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UN rights chief: Trump as president would pose global danger

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad al Hussein cited Trump's views on vulnerable communities including minorities and his talk of authorizing torture in interrogations, banned under international law, as "deeply unsettling and disturbing."

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

The world will be in danger if Republican nominee Donald Trump becomes president of the United States, the top United Nations human rights official said on Wednesday.

"If Donald Trump is elected on the basis of what he has said already — and unless that changes — I think it is without any doubt that he would be dangerous from an international point of view," Zeid told a news briefing in Geneva.

Trump lashed out at House Speaker Paul Ryan and other "disloyal" Republicans on Tuesday and vowed to campaign in whatever style he wants now that the party establishment has largely abandoned him. This occurred after a 2005 video surfaced last week showing him bragging crudely about groping women and making unwanted sexual advances.

Trump has said he would immediately re-authorize the waterboarding of suspected militants if elected on Nov. 8, contending that "torture works."

President Barack Obama, a Democrat, signed an executive order after taking office in January 2009 that banned waterboarding and other "enhanced interrogation techniques." Such executive orders can be rescinded by a successor.

Zeid said that he would rather not interfere in political campaigns. But when a candidate's comments pointed to a potential use of torture, prohibited under the Convention Against Torture, a pact ratified by Washington, or to vulnerable groups possibly losing their basic rights, he had to speak out.

In a speech in The Hague last month, Zeid accused Trump of spreading "humiliating racial and religious prejudice" and warned of a rise of populist politics that could turn violent.

"I always believe that it's incumbent on leaders to lead and to lead in a way that is ethical and moral," Zeid said on Wednesday, when asked about Trump. "The use of half-truths is a very clever political device. Because as every propagandist knows, you allow the listener to fill in the rest."

Trump has portrayed himself as tough on national security and promised to build a wall to stop Mexican immigrant "rapists" from crossing the border.

"We have to be on guard to see that in the end vulnerable populations, populations at risk do not again see their rights deprived because of a view that is in the ascendancy based on false premises," Zeid said. REUTERS

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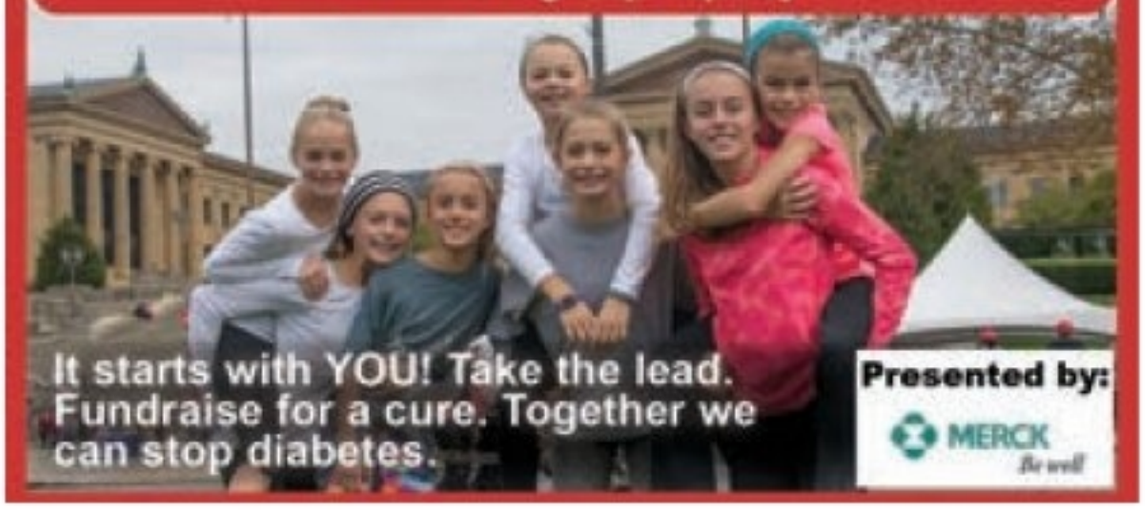

Flooding is still expected for days i

Two men rescue a dog from floodwaters on Wednesday in Lumberton, North Carolina. ALL PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

Floodwaters from the Lumber River surround a traffic sign.

A rescue team pulls a boat through floodwaters from the Lumber River.

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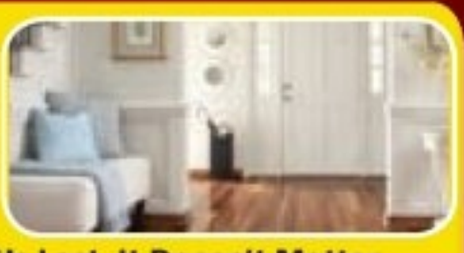

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Joe Jonas reveals that he lost his virginity to Ashley Greene

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Long gone are the days of the Disney Channel and "Camp Rock" for Joe Jonas. The 27-year-old middle Jonas brother, who now leads DNCE, got real in a Reddit AMA (ask me anything), maybe even too real. He shared personal details about losing his virginity to actress Ashley Greene and desperately trashing his drummer's room to find condoms for the um, sacred … event. "It's quite the great story because I didn't have any condoms, so I went to our drummer Jack's room, who was my roommate at the time and I demolished his room looking for them." The couple had begun dating in 2010.

Greene apparently wasn't amused by Joe's little stroll down memory lane and posted a simple message on her Instagram: "Class is timeless." Unfortunately, we can't say the same thing for their relationship, which lasted only about a year.

False alarm! Shia LaBeouf didn't actually get married

We were all pretty confused earlier this week when learned that Shia LaBeouf had taken to a Las Vegas chapel, complete with an Elvis impersonator, to marry Mia Goth. We get not having an extravagant wedding, but we weren't thinking full polyester officiant either.

Well, it may have all been a sham anyway because Nevada's Clark County, which covers Vegas, just tweeted that it had no marriage on file for the couple. It said a commitment ceremony was performed at the chapel—not exactly a wedding. So this was obviously either another one of LaBeouf's grand publicity stunts or just the couple's idea of a fun date night.

Janet Jackson (finally) confirms pregnancy

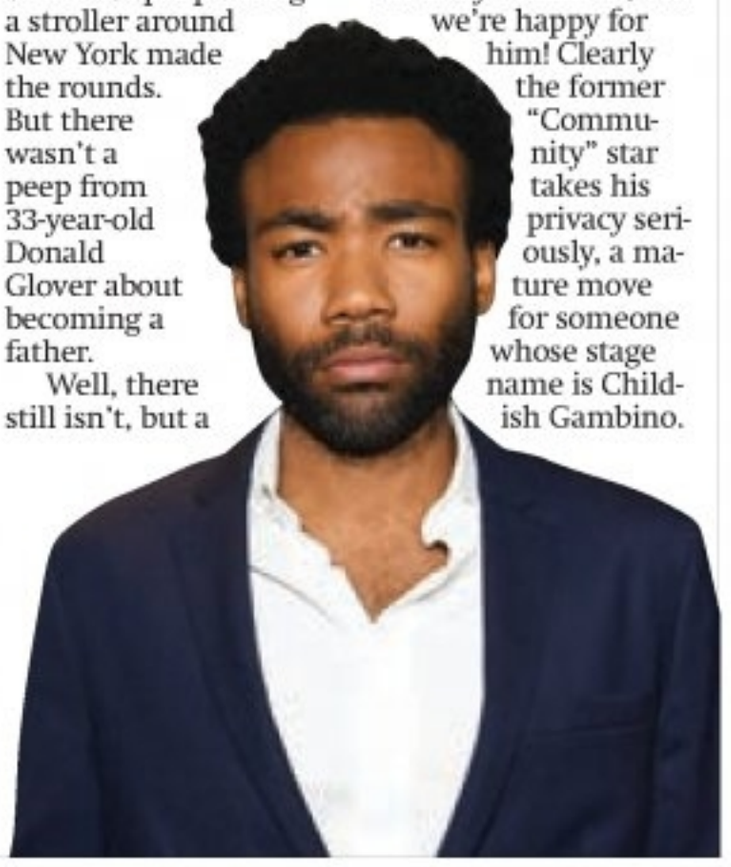
Janet Jackson hasn't kept her intentions to grow her family a secret, per se. The 50-year-old singer made it very clear in a selfie video that she would be cancelling her Unbreakable Tour because she and her husband were planning a family.

It worked! And although her brother Tito spilled the beans in June that Janet was pregnant, and her baby bump made a debut a few weeks ago as she shopped for baby furniture, we're just now hearing it straight from the source.

Donald Glover is a dad, who knew?

The evidence was right in front of us. In January, there were pictures of "Atlanta" creator and star Donald Glover with a very pregnant mystery girlfriend in Hawaii, and in May a picture of the couple pushing a stroller around New York made the rounds. But there wasn't a peep from 33-year-old Donald Glover about becoming a father.

Well, there still isn't, but a source confirmed with US Weekly that the actor, producer and rapper did indeed welcome a new bundle of joy earlier this year. We still have no idea when this happened, or what the baby's name is, but we're happy for him! Clearly the former "Community" star takes his privacy seriously, a mature move for someone whose stage name is Childish Gambino.



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Meet the new 'it' girl

In Andrea Arnold's "American Honey," in theaters Friday, newcomer Sasha Lane plays a runaway teen who joins up with a gang of roaming young magazine sellers, including Shia LaBeouf. A24

Sasha Lane went from spring break to the big screen with the new, wild "American Honey."

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Sasha Lane never expected to have to talk to journalists. The young star of "American Honey" has gone from a young woman in Texas, who was discovered by acclaimed English filmmaker Andrea Arnold ("Fish Tank," "Wuthering Heights") on a Florida beach during spring break, to the big screen, starring in "American Honey." And now she has to talk to reporters.

"I'm brain-dead," Lane admits with a chuckle.

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But she soldiers on. In "American Honey," Lane, 20, plays Star, an 18-year-old who hitches a ride with a gang of young runaways who drive around the Midwest in a bus, selling magazine subscriptions at the behest of a threatening young boss (Riley Keough) and her predatory underling (Shia LaBeouf).

What you see on-screen is sort-of accurate, says Lane. They didn't sleep 10 to a room, as in the film, but they really did drive around in that van, all the while blasting music. Usually it was rap and Top 40.

"I would play the more chill songs," Lane says. But everyone got used to that. "I remember I played one song. At first you could tell everyone was like, 'Oh, Sasha, her and her vibey stuff.' But eventually it just settled everyone. Everyone started chilling out. It was a really serene moment."

The cast would spend most of their off time hanging out, partying. Because Star often lights out on her own — sometimes with the organization's lecherous second-in-command, played by LaBeouf, along with Keough one of the only actors who wasn't an amateur — Lane wouldn't always get time with them. Even when she did she'd sometimes wander off to be by herself.

"I'm a really good casual dipper," she confesses. "I'd be hanging out with them, then be like, 'All right, cool,' then walk off. I'd float in and out. I don't think there's anything wrong with me liking my space. I don't think there's anything wrong with me staring off or sitting at the window or being in the corner chilling. I keep everything internal anyway — I don't put my energy on other people. I'm good with myself."

As for the notion of roaming young magazine peddlers, it's based on a real thing, of which Lane was aware. "You've probably actually been in contact with someone selling something or a magazine, but didn't know it," she explains. Some of Star's magazine pitches were done for real. "I walked up to someone and said, 'I'm trying to study psychology in college and go on this trip — it's an intern thing.' They're like, 'Here, 20 bucks, get out of my face.'"

After two months on the road, shooting constantly and spending time with her new friends, Lane had trouble readjusting to real life.

"It was so depressing. It was like withdrawal," she says. "It was like I need to hear voices outside the door, knowing I could just walk outside and they're in the parking lot, chilling."

Since "American Honey" wrapped — and played the Cannes Film Festival — Lane has become touted as the Next Big Thing. She's been tapped for the YA movie "Hunting Lila," which has yet to be finalized. She's also relocated to Los Angeles, which is a huge gearshift.

"I've met good people, but there's also people who are like, 'What do you do? Why are you important for me to talk to at this moment?' Pretty not cool," she explains. "But it's not all that Hollywood s—. I'm trying to stay more about that than anything else."

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Parker Posey loves the sweet weirdos

The legend talks about doing another Christopher Guest mockumentary with "Mascots."

Parker Posey plays Cindi, a mascot whose shtick is dressing as a robotic armadillo, in Christopher Guest's "Mascots," hitting Netflix Instant on Thursday. SCOTT GARFIELD/NETFLIX

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Hard to believe it's been 20 years since Parker Posey's first Christopher Guest movie. Back when she was the queen of indies, the actress' packed résumé included "Waiting for Guffman," the first time since "This is Spinal Tap" that Guest made an entirely improvised mockumentary. Posey's been in every Guest film since, including "Best in Show," "A Mighty Wind," "For Your Consideration" and the new "Mascots." This time the subculture of sweet eccentrics in some silly competition are people who dress up in ridiculous costumes to pep up sporting events. This includes Posey's Cindi, whose mascot is a robotic armadillo who dances to arty electronica.

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Posey talks to us about creating her own character from near scratch and still being scared to do Christopher Guest's movies.

Things change

Guest has always been able to make these movies outside of Hollywood. But I worry about indies these days, since the budgets have been drained out of them. The market is drying up.

It's been happening for a few years now. There's more money going into marketing than into material. There's nothing you can do about it. You just have to change and be aware of that. And you know, I can speak for the actors who don't get paid. If I can't get paid, can I sell watches? Can I sell scarves? Actors need ad campaigns now. It's changed.

These are comedies, but since you're basically coming up with everything yourself, it seems like you have to take these as seriously as you would a drama.

It's a very intense and focused process. You have to essentially write your character's dialogue. There's a lot of collaboration with the person you're acting with, which in my case was Susan Yeagley, who plays my half-sister. It's a very intimate, caring, generous process. You really feel like you're portraying the full life of someone.

Are you still nervous going in front of his cameras, to do whatever you've prepared?

You're scared every time. You show up and you really feel like you're flying without a net. But I compare it to playing music. You can feel a really good vibe on these movies. The humor, it really doesn't make fun of anyone. It's not mean. It comes from a kind place. In all his movies, we care. We care about these subcultures: the dog shows, small town theater, mascots.

You have to think through everything, including the costume and the character's history. How did you put together Cindi?

Chris gave me the armadillo, and it was up to me to think why Cindi was right for it. I imagined that she studied dance in college. Then she finds the all-female basketball team at Amelia Earhart College for Women. She asks, "Is there a mascot here? I want to be one." And it's a nine-banded armadillo, which is very armored, almost metallic. That led to me thinking [her music would be] techno-electronica: Kraftwerk, Gary Numan, Laurie Anderson, all stuff from the '70s and '80s. I just imagined why she would maintain this desire, over 25 years, to get out on the basketball court and perform for not very many people, and still have this be important to her. Here, she has the chance to be recognized for something that's important to her. She's only left town once. It's just a new world. It was a lot of prep, but I think you can tell. Audiences can tell there's a particular level of investment and openness in Chris' movies.

Donald Trump delivers a speech in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he said some awful things, too. GETTY IMAGES

Grabbing back from Trump

Geek Girl in Hollywood

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I didn't want to do this. I didn't want to do another damn story about the Trump tapes. But I just couldn't let it pass, not when friends and strangers were posting stories about their sexual assaults for the first time after hearing him. I've shared mine before, so that's not what I'm writing about.

I'm sure almost any woman reading this has experienced something similar. Considering the frequency with which it happens, I don't think I'm generalizing. You've read a zillion stories by now about Donald Trump bragged to former "Access Hollywood" host Billy Bush about kissing women without their consent and grabbing them by their genitalia.

You've also probably read a bunch of responses defending Trump, dismissing it as "locker room talk" and "no big deal." For someone who frequently writes about dragons and people with superpowers, believe me, this is the far more fantastical statement.

Or is it? I couldn't believe what I was watching this weekend at the debate. A man who thinks he's qualified to run the country said talking about women that way — in a professional setting, no less — and joking about sexual assault was no big deal.

I have read comment after comment about how we should just "deal with it," because that's what men are like. I refuse to believe that, despite my past and the pasts of many women in the world. We should strive to be better than our baser natures.

You know what? I love chocolate. I love salt. I think chocolate-covered pretzels are the perfect food. I want to eat them all day long. But you know what? I don't get to, because there are consequences. I don't get to punch the hell out of that guy who I just saw cut in front of an old lady in line. I don't get to. I can talk to him, but I don't get to punch him, as satisfying as that would be. Sure, I have freedom of action and speech, but there are consequences to both of those things. Or there should be.

You know why? We tell kids that they can do or be anything. We hold up becoming president one day as the example of the highest goal they can achieve. Our kids look up to the president. When I was a kid, I was excited to hear about President Reagan. I knew nothing about his politics and completely disagree with them as an adult, but as a kid, I looked up to him.

If Trump gets elected, there are going to be kids who look up to him, too. This behavior of his? Bragging about sexually assaulting women, blatantly lying about things that are right there on Twitter or recorded by cameras? These things become acceptable. As someone who has spent years dealing with nightmares about my assault, like almost every woman I know, I beg you to see reason. This is no longer about politics. This is about the future. This is not a role model. This is a monster.

Let's not categorize Margaret Glaspy just yet

The New York-based singer and songwriter is pleading the Fifth on categorizing her sound. Or even saying whether she's sticking with it.

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Berklee grad Margaret Glaspy combines brutally honest lyrics with rough-around-the-edges indie rock. EBRU YILDIZ

Margaret Glaspy doesn't like talking about her own music much, but get her talking about who she's listening to and her enthusiasm peaks as she chats with us en route from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Glaspy and her band are touring for her summer-released debut album, "Emotions and Math," which has had critics dubbing her spare raw rock songs with the G-word — grunge!

"It's not for me to talk about what people say about my music. As to meanings, I don't like to talk about that; I don't like to talk about my song lyrics," says Glaspy. People are certainly listening though: recently she opened for The Lumineers and Lucius, and when her current headlining tour ends she will hop on some dates with Blind Pilot.

Glaspy might well dry up when asked about her own songs, but she will talk at length about what she listens to.

"It is always changing and it's never genre specific. It's content specific. I don't love rock music, but I love certain things in it, and that goes for all other genres, too," says the 27-year-old, who grew up in California listening to everything from Joni Mitchell to Jimi Hendrix to Michael Jackson, courtesy of her parents and siblings.

"Right now, I'm listening to Bjork and Slow Dancer, this Australian singer songwriter," she continues. "I always listen to a lot of Bob Dylan, and I constantly go through Elliott Smith's catalogue — he educates me," she coos fondly of the late American pop singer songwriter.

It could just be that Glaspy is avoiding pigeonholing herself. "Emotions and Math" is a musical map of where she's been, but not necessarily where she's going.

"It's a collection of songs that fit together," she says. "They were written over the course of six years, I was 21 when I started — actually, some are even older."

While Glaspy, who is based in New York City, sounds pretty laid back and her loose, raw song style is easily described as slacker, nothing about her record is happenstance.

"I labor over the lyrics quite a bit," Glaspy says. "In terms of the sound, the production, the arrangements, it's all very intentional: This is exactly what I intended each song to sound like."

The next batch of songs is already cooking, she says, and as to where that's going, guess what? Wait and see: "I'm listening to a lot of classical, a lot of Tchaikovsky, and thinking about different arrangements," she muses. "I covered some ground with this first record, but I know I still have much more to cover."

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5 Fall date ideas in Philly

Summer is over and sweater weather is here to stay. Finding new ways to spend time with that special someone can get tricky. Don't let the changing seasons scare you into settling for Netflix and chill. Grab your scarves and jackets because we've bundled up a handful of ideas for dating in the fall in Philly.

KYLE HILLER

The Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show

Philly is rich with historical exhibitions, quirky art galleries and exotic collections. One of the more charming highlights is the annual Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show, featuring contemporary crafts from nearly 200 artists from all over the United States. This year it celebrates its 40th anniversary and will run from Nov. 10 to Nov. 16.

Apple picking at Solebury Orchards

Spend a weekend afternoon at Solebury Orchards in New Hope and pick apples before winter hits. The Bucks County farm scoops you onto their wagon and off to picking varietals in the orchards.

Getting spooky at Laurel Hill Cemetery

For many, the spirit of Halloween runs throughout October. Laurel Hill Cemetery features its "True Tales From the Tombs: Mischief Night by Firelight" on Oct. 28. Eerie tales from Laurel Hill's most memorable "residents" make for an intriguing night.

Cinema Paradiso

Midnight Madness at Ritz at the Bourse remains in full swing. Catch cheesy horror flicks like "Halloween" (Oct. 21) and "They Live" (Nov. 4), sing along with "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 18) or revisit the classic Japanese anime film "My Neighbor Totoro" (Nov. 25).

Homecooked dinner for two

Want to try your hand at cooking for your partner? These destinations have farmers markets that are open year round, offering fresh ingredients at reasonable prices: Chestnut Hill, Clark Park, Fair Food Farmstead, Fitler Square, Rittenhouse and the Reading Terminal Market.

There's plenty to do in the city, no matter the weather. Don't let the sleepy autumn fool you because Philadelphia is the perfect place for culture and romance all year round.

things to do

EAT LIKE AN INSIDER

Nick Macri

After completing his culinary studies at Drexel University, Toronto native Nick Macri decided to relocate to Philadelphia permanently, working in some of Philly's top kitchens including Osteria and Southwark. In 2009, he launched La Divisa Meats, a charcuterie and butcher shop now located in the historic Reading Terminal Market. Macri chatted with us about where to dine in his adopted city and touches on everything from schnitzel tacos to truffled egg toast.

Best late night meal?

Royal Sushi & Izakaya (780 S. Second St.). It's a supernew spot, but I think it's amazing that I can get some great tasting sushi late at night. Also the grilled hamachi kama (salt broiled yellowtail collar with grated radish and ginger) is pretty spectacular and not to mention they offer sake in a can!

Best meal under $10?

Philadelphia Java Company's (852 S. Second St.) toasted eggle breakfast sandwich with a cup of coffee is a great cheap breakfast (the eggle is a hard boiled egg with

HOT PLATE

Pumpkin Cookie Butter Shake

Jennifer Logue eats her way through Philly
jennifer.logue@metro.us

To be totally honest, I've never been a huge fan of the pumpkin spice latte, but other pumpkin treats? Sign me up. From muffins to pastas to soups, this fall fruit of choice can be dressed up for breakfast, lunch and dinner. But aside from the traditional pumpkin pie, how about dessert?

When I heard about the pumpkin cookie butter shake at P'unk Burger, I nearly lost it. First of all, is it even legal to mix cookie butter, pumpkin and ice cream? It's like a supergroup of dessert stars — the ingredients can shine on their own, but together they could rule your taste buds.

But would it be too much awesomeness? I decided to head down to South Philly's P'unk Burger to find out.

One of the many restaurants and small businesses lining East Passyunk, it has a hip, rootsy vibe. With their bright green walls and modern decor, just being in the space makes you feel energized.

Now it was time to try the milkshake. Served in a mason jar, the treat is made with Little Baby's vanilla ice cream (a Philly favorite) that is blended with Dutch shortbread biscuits (Speculoos) and pumpkin puree. Finally, it's topped with whipped cream and a sprinkling of more Speculoos for an added crunch.

The pumpkin and spice from the cookies wasn't overpowering and added just enough of a fall feel to the milkshake itself, achieving optimal coziness. What made it even better was that I had the option of making my shake nondairy.

Next time, however, I would do without the whipped cream topping. For me, whipped cream looks nice for presentation purposes but on a milkshake, it's too much creaminess. However, I'm sure there are people out there who would disagree with me, so whatever floats your boat.

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za'atar olive oil served on a bagel). It's the perfect neighborhood coffee shop with no attitude and it's pet friendly with some really cool food options. They also have a lebanah and green olive toast as well as za'atar croissants.

Best hidden foodie gem?

Nom Wah Tea Parlor — the Philly outpost of the New York dim sum joint — is on the edge of Chinatown (218 N. 13th St.). It's never super-crowded and their food is always on point. My favorite dish has to be the shrimp and bacon roll — it's a minced shrimp ball wrapped in bacon and fried.

Best place to dine alone?

Abe Fisher (1623 Sansom St.). If you're eating alone it needs to be at the bar at Abe Fisher — the cocktails, wines and amaros curated by my favorite beverage professional Brian Kane is always filled with some cool surprises. As for the food, their take on the caesar salad is always killer and how can you go wrong with a corned pork belly Reuben and schnitzel tacos?

Place you always take or recommend for out-of-towners?

Vernick Food & Drink (2031 Walnut St.). It's a beautiful space with some of the most attentive and friendly staff I've encountered, they'll make any out-of-towner feel like a regular. The menu has a little bit for everyone, it's delicious well-executed food. I can probably make a full meal out of the toast section alone.

Go-to date spot?

Tria (1137 Spruce St.). Big meals on dates seem counterintuitive to me, so working through the small plates at Tria with a great list of wines and beers by the glass to drink throughout is a no-brainer. Sharing olive oil potato chips, truffled egg toast and cheeses makes for a perfect date night.

Best place to catch up with friends?

I'd prefer to catch up with friends by cooking at home for them, but if it needs to be in a restaurant setting I would choose Zeppoli (618 W. Collings Ave., Collingswood). When I'm there I'm able to catch up with my good friend chef/owner Joey Baldino. He's created a restaurant with an atmosphere that feels like you're eating in his home with friends. A must have on the menu is the lemon tagliatelle with bottarga.

Most Instagrammable restaurant?

I'm not a huge fan of taking pictures during a dinner partly because I'd rather eat and also because my photo skills aren't the best, but if you want to see delicious food on Instagram then check out Chef Lucio Palazzo's (@luciopal) dishes from Loco Pez (2401 E. Norris St.). My favorite has to be their cochinita pibil tacos and sopa de tortillas.

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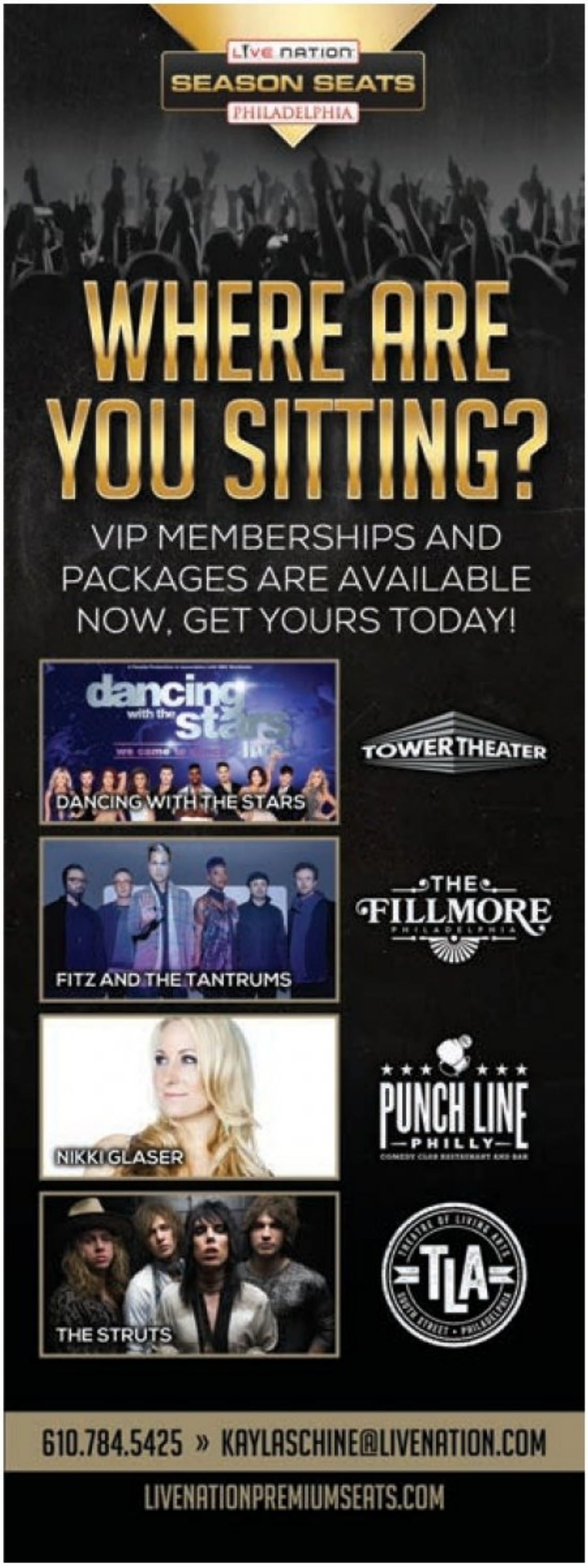

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ARTS, CULTURE, ACTION

Theatre Horizon's great big dark musical 'New Brain'

Director Matthew Decker discusses working through the passing of his mother.

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When Theatre Horizon directors Erin Reilly and Matthew Decker began planning their 2016-17 season, they didn't expect to go through the tragedy that was the passing of Decker's mother. Hindsight being 20/20, perhaps they would not have opened Oct. 20 with Decker directing "A New Brain," a darkly comic musical penned by James Lapine and William Finn that touches on Finn's experience with arteriovenous malformation and art's healing powers.

Then again, Norristown's Horizon and Decker (a Barrymore Award nominee for directing "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales" at the Arden) don't do anything easy and welcome all challenges. They also welcome its star, Philly actor Steve Pacek, for his sixth show with the company, which has to be a record. Decker spoke enthusiastically about the upcoming production from the rehearsal rooms for "A New Brain."

You're going on 11 years at Theatre Horizon. Do you feel as if going into this newest season that you guys met then surpassed your aesthetic and personal goals?
In starting Horizon, Erin and I wanted to make high-quality theater we were passionate about with a group of like-minded artists and audience members. We wanted to produce theater outside of Philly, because 11 years ago, we felt the city was oversaturated with companies. We wanted work to be high-quality and professional with Philadelphia-based artists. I don't think we necessarily set goals to build a theater, or to settle in downtown Norristown, or to run a theater school and an autism drama program. Those paths revealed themselves organically. We just followed them.

What are you looking at when you decide to take on a play?
I simply have to ask myself if I connect personally with the story. As a director, you can spend up to one year of your life living with a play — thinking about the characters, the themes, the physical space. So the play must get under my skin in order for me to want to bring it to life. After doing this for 12 years, I know what it costs me to direct a play — the emotional and physical toll it takes on my heart and body, the sleepless nights during tech and previews, the long rehearsal hours, time away from family and friends. I really have to love the story to want to direct it — feel it deep in my gut.

Why pick "A New Brain"?
I'm a [William] Finn fan. I directed a production of "Spelling Bee" in 2010 at Theatre Horizon. I encountered "New Brain" when I was studying at NYU, and like the score. Then 11th Hour Theatre hired me to direct a concert version of it last year — with Steve Pacek as Gordon — and in revisiting the piece later in my life, I was struck by how deeply moving it is. We're asked to go through hell and back again with Gordon as he struggles with his brain injury. Along the way, we're treated to that which illuminates the importance of actively making choices to live a life you want to live. We only get one shot — better make the most of it.

Director Matthew Decker at

Where were you emotionally when choosing "A New Brain"? Where was your mother's health in relation to that choice? How much do you feel as if this tender scenario had to do with you choosing that play or making the directorial choices that you did?
My mother recently ended a 15-month battle with lung cancer. At the time we programmed "Brain," she was sick but stable. We decided to do it because we liked it. Suddenly, Mom took a sharp decline, and then boom — she was gone, and I had to direct a show that was all about a man who is facing a life-threatening illness less than six months after my mother's death. So, I almost quit the show four times. Couldn't figure out how to make it work. Couldn't listen to the score without crying. Couldn't read the play without feeling sick to my stomach.

I worked through my mom's passing. Did you feel as if you had

rehearsal for "New Brain." PROVIDED

to work through this, and was there ever that guilt pang that maybe you should slow your roll?

I ultimately decided I wanted to get back to work because I'm at my happiest directing a play, so it just felt right to return to something I love doing. I now understand what Gordon and his family are going through, for better and for worse. I always weep openly at its song "The Music Still Plays On" that Gordon's mother sings to him about their life together. For obvious reasons, watching a mother sing to her son is difficult for me right now. My mother knew how much making theater means to me, so I don't feel guilty in getting back to work. But at the same time, I'm in mourning — she passed in May. So I'm still figuring stuff out, giving myself permission to be a complete and utter mess while doing it. I'm trying to be kind to myself, take one day at a time, staying as present as I can. And to keep going.

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Oct. 15, 9 p.m.
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1160 First Ave., King of Prussia
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BLOCK PARTIES

Mural Dedication: "South Philly Musicians Remix"

The area's impressive number of Bandstand era heartthrobs get honored in a brand new mural at Broad and Tasker streets that's being dedicated Saturday. The artwork, painted by Eric Okdeh, shows nine of our greats, like Frankie Avalon, Chubby Checker, Eddie Fisher and Jerry Blavat. An afternoon block party abuts the dedication with live food, DJ music and a performance by "The Geator With the Heater" himself.
Through Oct. 15, 2-4:30 p.m.
Broad and Tasker streets
Free
muralarts.org

Tappin' the Trucks: Brews n' Bites Block Party

Taproom on 19th throws a food truck festival of sorts, featuring food trucks lined up outside the South Philly venue. Mixed in with trucks like The Cow and the Curd, J'eet, Oink and Moo BBQ, Foolish Waffles and more, are five pop-up breweries that will be pouring up craft drafts all day long. Outdoor seating and live music rounds out the block party vibes.
Oct. 16, noon-7 p.m.
Taproom on 19th
19th and Ritner streets
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FOOD FESTIVALS

Yè Shì Chinatown Night Market

Take a tasting tour of Chinatown Thursday night at this festival that closes several streets in Chinatown for a celebration of local food, music and entertainment. Almost 50 food trucks and restaurants are signed up to attend, like Dump-n-roll, Kung Fu Hoagies, Li Ping Corn Co and Pbon's Fresh Phood. The live entertainment comes mostly DJ-style along with a traditional performance by a lion and dragon dance troupe.
Oct. 13, 7-11 p.m.
Chinatown
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Bainbridge Green Brunch Fest

To support a community-led project to turn a concrete median on Bainbridge Street in Queen Village into a greener public space, area restaurants are bringing their grub to the streets. Spots like Hungry Pigeon, Ela, The Good King Tavern and more serve food for the affair, which also includes some kid-friendly activities. Let the little ones paint pumpkins with Painting With a Twist and create art with Philadelphia's Magic Gardens.
Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Bainbridge Green
350 Bainbridge St.
$25-$150
bainbridgegreenpark.org

ARTS

"Philadelphia, Goddamn" Opening Reception

Philadelphia street art blog Streets Dept. and local gallery Little Berlin curate this exhibition of 11 local and national artists working to spotlight marginalized communities through public murals, video installations and more. Be among the first to see the exhibition at this week's opening reception, and look out for moving works by Homo Riot, Aubrie Costello and prolific Philly yarn-bomber Ishknits.
Little Berlin
2430 Coral St.
Free
littleberlin.org

PRE-HALLOWEEN

Martha Graham Cracker Halloween Bash

Philly's favorite singing drag queen, Martha Graham Cracker, helps you get in the Halloween spirit a half-month early at this Sunday night performance in Queen Village. The tall, hairy diva throws some spooky numbers into her catalog of covers and mashups of everyone from Bowie to Nina Simone to Whitney Houston. Local band The Flannel Chucks open with a setlist of silly lyrics sung to the tune of popular '90s grunge songs.

MUSIC

Marian Hill

Sultry Philadelphia electro-rock act Marian Hill are touring the country in support of their first full-length album, "Act One." The duo have created a sound all their own, fusing genres and techniques to create the transfixing sound of stellar recent tracks like "Talk to Me" and "Wild." They come to Union Transfer this week, with all-cap opening acts Vérité and Shaed.
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Balloons Over New England

Float above the rolling hills and evergreens of central Vermont as you level with the clouds. Offering views of several national parks and preserves, Balloons Over New England in Quechee organizes hot air balloon tours seven days a week, weather permitting. Hover over the scenic Lake Pinneo at altitudes so low you can watch birds chasing their breakfasts.

Napa Valley Balloons

Discover the symmetry and wonder of the vineyards of northern California's wine country with the guides of Napa Valley Balloons. For the ultimate day in wine country, choose one of the company's day packages, which can include biking through Napa Valley, a day of guided wine tasting and a fine dining offer with local acclaimed eatery Etoile.

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Lake Geneva Balloon Co.

Lake Geneva is a popular resort destination, named after the freshwater lake that spans about 8 square miles of southeastern Wisconsin. Located on the northern tip of the lake, the Lake Geneva Balloon Co. takes adventurers above the treetops for expansive views of the lake and the many fine homes along its shore. Pass by Big Foot Park where you can wave to swimmers and fishers just feet away, and float over the estates of the Wrigleys and the Schwinns before settling in for a smooth landing, all before breakfast.

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Arizona Balloon Safaris

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Will Steve Mason maintain his spot as the Flyers' No. 1 goaltender all season long? GETTY IMAGES

The top storylines for the Flyers this season

There will be plenty to keep an eye on this season.

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As the Flyers prepare for the start of the 2016-17 season with the opener on Friday against the Kings, let's take a look at the top-nine storylines (in no particular order) for the year.

Dave Hakstol, Year 2

Hakstol proved he was the right man for the job by guiding the Flyers to a surprising playoff berth in his rookie year. Let's see what he does for an encore and with a roster that is very similar to the one from last year.

Speaking about slow starts

The Flyers have gotten off to awful starts in the last three seasons. The top priority is breaking the pattern with a winning record in October.

Who's the No. 1 goalie?

Is it Steve Mason or Michal Neuvirth? Although Mason will start the season as the No. 1 goalie, backup Michal Neuvirth proved last year he is also more than capable of handling role. It should be interesting to see which netminder ends the season as the Flyers No. 1 goalie.

Rookie watch

Shayne Gostisbehere was the first of many heralded prospects to get the call up to Flyers last year, posted historic numbers and was a finalist for the Calder Memorial Trophy, given to the league's top rookie. Ivan Provorov and Travis Konecny, both 19 years old and 2015 first-round draft picks, made the Flyers out of training camp and hope to continue what Gostisbehere started.

Rookie watch, Part 2

Don't be shocked if defensemen Sam Morin and Travis Sanheim, each first-round picks in 2013 and '14, respectively, are next to get their shot with the Flyers. They are starting the season with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, but one or both might end up in Philly full time before the year is over.

Sophomore slump for Gostibehere?

After posting 17 goals, including five game-winners in overtime, and 29 assists for 46 points in 64 games, "Ghost" hopes to avoid the proverbial sophomore slump. The good news is the defenseman was sharp in the Hockey World Cup tournament for Team North America in September and played well in the preseason.

Voracek's bounce-back year

The Flyers winger, who led the team with 81 points in 2014-15, finished with 55 points last year. In the Hockey World Cup and preseason, Voracek has looked like the Voracek of old.

Special teams

The Flyers were too inconsistent on the power play and especially the penalty kill all year. Without both units in the top half in the league, they will struggle to make a second straight postseason appearance.

Speaking about the playoffs

So, are they headed back? As long as they remain relatively healthy, particularly in goal, the Flyers have the talent on defense and offense to contend for a playoff spot, but it will likely go down to the wire again whether or not they get in.

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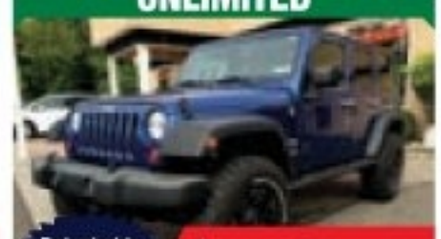
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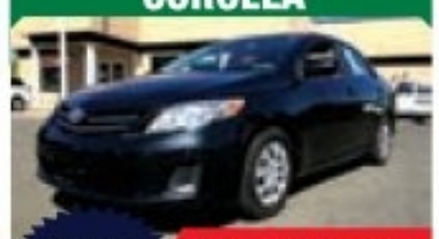
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Top Flyers players to watch this season

A look at Philly's youth movement.

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Shayne Gostisbehere was a runner-up for the Calder Trophy last season. GETTY IMAGES

There's something special about watching someone of immense talent embark on their first professional season.

For Flyers fans, they'll get that opportunity multiplied by two.

On Monday, general manager Ron Hextall announced that both 2015 first-round picks, Ivan Provorov and Travis Konecny, had made the Flyers opening-night roster. That sent the fan base into a rush of emotions as the youth movement had gained speed faster than expected.

Konecny and Provorov will bring a little bit of everything between the two of them. Konecny is the offensive spark plug with quick hands and a knack for contact despite his smaller frame. In the preseason, Konecny put up a team-high six points, and it appears he'll be given plenty of opportunity to succeed working on a line with Jake Voracek and Sean Couturier, as well as the second power play unit.

With Provorov, he won't be as flashy as Shayne Gostisbehere was as a rookie, but he'll be incredibly sound in all three zones. He's drawn comparisons to Kimmo Timonen as someone who will never make a mistake and will contribute wherever he's placed, whether it's on 5-on-5 or on the power play.

Mainstays like Claude Giroux, Steve Mason, Wayne Simmonds and Brayden Schenn will remain at the head of the class on the team, but what about the younger guys that fans will be watching this season?

Shayne Gostisbehere

Don't worry, there's plenty of eyes to go around. While the two rookies will draw the attention, Gostisbehere will remain as exciting as ever in his second season. The 23-year-old defenseman was an offensive firework last season en route to be named a runner-up for the top honor as a rookie, the Calder Trophy. With 46 points in 64 games, the man known as "Ghost" will be expected to take another step forward in his first full NHL season. He'll have a little more offensive talent to work with, which should bode well for his production.

Sean Couturier

Perhaps the oldest, young player ever, Couturier enters his sixth NHL season at the ripe age of 23. He still has a ton of room to grow, particularly on the offensive end, and both Dave Hakstol and Ron Hextall believe he'll flourish working on a line with Konecny and Voracek. Couturier, too, told reporters he's never had that type of talent alongside him. Before battling with injuries last season, he was on pace for a 50-point season. He'll be expected to hit that mark this time around.

Nick Cousins

Hextall challenged Cousins this offseason in saying he needed to come into camp and earn a spot despite playing strong down the stretch last year. The 21-year-old answered the bell, so much so that he'll even get some time on the top power play unit in the absence of Brayden Schenn and his three-game suspension. Cousins is a skilled player that also serves as an agitator. He's earned the respects of his teammates and has grown much more comfortable in what will be his first full season with the Flyers.

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Giants don't mind Rainey days

With Shane Vereen out for the foreseeable future, Giants running back Bobby Rainey has been filling in admirably as the primary pass-catcher out of the backfield. Since fully taking over the role in Week 4, Rainey has averaged 4.89 yards per carry on the ground (only nine total carries) and 47.5 receiving yards per game on 6.5 receptions. These are very usable numbers in PPR formats, and if Rainey were able to find the end zone he would flirt with RB2 value. He makes for a great depth add in any format given his weekly role in the Giants' pass-heavy offense.

Alshon owners livid

Chicago's Alshon Jeffery hasn't gotten the job done this season. GETTY IMAGES

Chicago Bears star wideout Alshon Jeffery is hands-down one of the best deep-ball receivers in the NFL. Unfortunately for his fantasy owners and for Jeffery himself, he has not been afforded many opportunities to make the impact plays that his value is reliant on. So far Jeffery has only received 31 targets through five games, converting those into just 22 catches and zero touchdowns. While Jay Cutler typically has no problem throwing risky jump balls to Jeffery, current starting quarterback Brian Hoyer plays much more conservatively, oftentimes leaving Jeffery hanging while opting for a safer option. Hoyer has been playing well enough to continue to start even when Cutler returns from injury, so Jeffery's long-term potential will be limited until the situation changes in Chicago.

NFL sleepers of the week

Each week we will identify three players worth taking a shot on in deeper leagues.

James White, RB, New England Patriots – The pass-catching specialist benefited from Tom Brady's return, catching four balls for 63 yards. He should be a flex option every week from now on.

Brandon LaFell, WR, Cincinnati Bengals – Bill Belichick is notorious for trying to "take away" a team's best offensive weapon —in their game against the Bengals, that'll be A.J. Green. While Green is blanketed, LaFell could step in and have a big game against a very beatable secondary.

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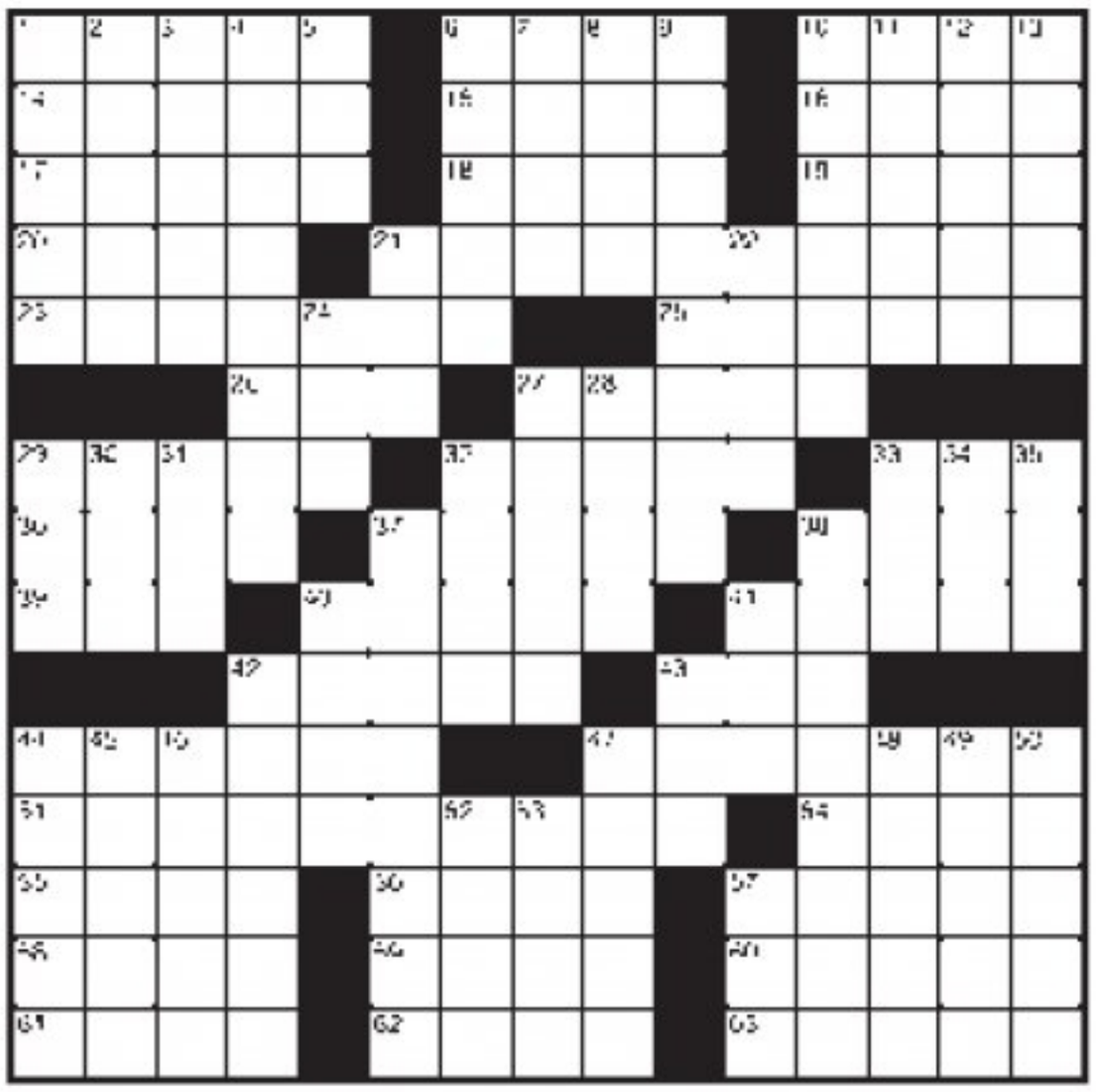

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Aries Should you decide to get involved with a friend in something that has commercial overtones, it would be smart to keep the arrangement on a businesslike basis.

Taurus Most of your day is likely to be filled with a number of pleasant experiences, but as nighttime rolls around and people become tired, tempers will fray.

Gemini There's a chance you know someone with a very generous nature but a demanding attitude. When socializing with this person, your patience might be tested.

Cancer It behooves you to move cautiously in matters that pertain to your investments. Take care not to get involved in something that is all sizzle but no steak.

Leo If you're smart, you'll go along with the line of least resistance. You might have to be mentally alert in order to avoid opposition.

Virgo A failure on your part to keep pace with your duties could lead to a number of avoidable complications. Each additional task you neglect will add to the pressure.

Libra It's in your best interest to avoid all political involvements with friends. What transpires at first might be interesting, but conditions could turn sour quickly.

Scorpio An extremely important objective might not be as equally meaningful to most of your friends. However, what is interesting to them could quickly become dominant.

Sagittarius Sources of information will be of extreme importance to those with whom you have dealings. If you're not the author of a vital tidbit, be sure to credit the author.

Capricorn Unless you manage your financial arrangements with skill, you are likely to come out on the short end. Speak up if you think you're getting a bum deal.

Aquarius One-on-one relationships could be problematic if they aren't handled skillfully. For the sake of harmony, be prepared to make a compromise or concession.

Pisces When you're able to use your initiative, things will run quite smoothly. Conversely, you might rebel if demands are placed on you. EUGENIA LAST

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